

In the Drawings:

Please replace the originally filed 3 sheets of drawings by three enclosed replacement sheets marked as such. A separate letter to "Drawing Review" is enclosed. The replacement sheets do not contain any new matter. The replacement sheets avoid the objections shown on Form PTO-948. All improper shadings have been removed. Entry of the replacement drawing sheets into the official record is respectfully requested.

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REMARKS:

- 1) The allowance of original claims 1 to 11 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 13, 16 and 19 are sincerely appreciated. Allowed claims 1 to 11 are maintained unchanged.
- 2) Claim 12 has been combined with allowable claim 13. Thus, currently amended claim 12, and claims 14, 15, 16 and 17 dependent from claim 12 should now be in condition for allowance.
- 3) Claim 18 has been combined with allowable claim 19. Thus, claim 18 (currently amended) is also in condition for allowance.
- 4) The grounds for the formal objections to claims 8 and 15 have been removed from these claims.
- 5) The specification page 13, lines 14 to 24 has been amended as shown above to correct the description of Figs. 3A, 3B and 3C. Reference number 35' now designates the gap that initially, prior to interlocking, exists between the shaft 31 and the hub 33. This gap is originally shown in Fig. 3C. Reference number 35 designates, as before, the wedging profiles also referred to as "circular wedges", on the outer surface of the shaft 31, please see the original specification page 13, lines 1 to 13. The proper allocation of reference numbers to the originally disclosed features of Figs. 3A, 3B and 3C does not contain any new matter.

6) The references taken singly do not disclose features that would anticipate any of the above claims 1 to 12 and 14 to 18. The references taken in combination do not make claims 1 to 12 and 14 to 18 unpatentable because these references do not disclose features that would suggest the claimed combinations.

7) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 12 and 14 to 18, are respectfully requested.

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